NOTE XX.

LOCUSTELLA LUSCINIOIDES,

FOUND BREEDING IN THE PROVINCE OF FRIESLAND (NETHERLANDS)

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On the 14th of July 1893 I obtained a nest with one egg of *Locustella luscinioides* in the environs of Leeuwarden. This fact seems to me to be remarkable, seeing that Professor H. Schlegel in his »Vogels van Nederland" (De dieren van Nederland: Vogels, vol. I, p. 63, 1878) says: »In our country this bird is found breeding hitherto only near and on the banks of the river »Maas", near Kralingen for instance."

The same is said by Dr. J. Ritzema Bos in his »Landbouwdierkunde".

Moreover Dr. Bowdler Sharpe says in his »Handbook to the Birds of Great Britain" (1894, vol. I, p. 240): »— in Holland, where the bird was once common, the same causes of its restriction have been at work, and, owing to the extensive drainage of recent years, it has become much rarer."

The nest and the egg entirely agree as well with the descriptions in »Brehm's Thierleben" (Vögel, vol. II, p. 227) and in »Onze vogels in huis en tuin", by Mr. H. G. Keulemans (vol. III, 1873), as with the nest in the Leyden Museum.

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